Celebrating 50 Years of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program



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For 50 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program has ensured older adults have affordable and nutritious meals. The program promotes socialization and reduces food insecurity.



In Massachusetts:

- More than 74,100 older adults receive meals.¹
- An estimated 10.3 million meals are served each year.²



The OAA Nutrition Program is available to nearly 1.6 million people ages 60+ in Massachusetts.³ An estimated 5.3 percent of older adults in Massachusetts are food insecure.⁴



Massachusetts receives nearly \$14.3 million⁵ to provide services through 89 local programs.⁶ Nationally, the vast majority of participants say the program improves their health and independence.⁷





Need Support?

To find nutrition services for older adults in Massachusetts, go to <u>www.mass.gov/nutrition-program-</u><u>for-seniors</u> or call 800-243-4636.

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